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ISRAEL/LEBANON BROKAW: Lebanon, of course, is still another big problem for Peres and his country. Israel bogged down in Lebanon when it invaded 28 months ago. And even though Israel now has pulled its forces back in southern Lebanon, it is still paying a high price in lives and in money. Stan Bernard tonight on why the Israelis now want out and what may happen once they leave.

BERNARD: It looks like a post card; it isn't. Southern Lebanon has become a deadly trap. Two and a half years ago, many of these Shiite Moslems welcomed the Israeli army with rice and flowers for driving out the Palestinians. The rice has been replaced by hatred and explosives. Scores of people have been killed or wounded. The Israeli army has dug in to protect itself. It rarely patrols on foot or in vehicles. Southern Lebanon is now a place of suspicion and fear. Israeli intelligence agents have been tracking Shiite militiamen and their leaders through villages like this one. There are networks of informers working for both sides. Through carefully cultivated Moslem contacts, we were led to a village where the women and children were setting up a stone barricade to delay any raid by the organization they fear most, the Israeli *Shinbeck, its secret service. We were looking for and found Shiite political leader, *Daoud Daoud. He is on what amounts to an Israeli 10 most wanted list and has been in hiding, on the move, for months. He said his people will fight the Israelis as long as they stay in Lebanon. *DAOUD\DAOUD (Shiite leader, Lebanon): Our hope that they will be wise and withdraw, that they will stop the bleeding from both sides.

BERNARD: Daoud Daoud is hiding from these men, Israeli agents stopped at a U.N. checkpoint. These are French paratroopers, whose commander led the French contingent in Beirut a year ago. Fifty-eight of his men were blown up on the same day as the American Marines. Despite that, he says his mission is to help the Shiites, not harass them. *Unifel, the U.N.'s peacekeeping force, is winning friends, and the Israelis, desperately wanting out of their trap, are having a change of mind about the Unifel forces. The Israelis once expressed contempt for them as peacekeepers and marched through them on their way to Beirut. But now, the Israelis are saying when they withdraw, Unifel is acceptable as a peacekeeping force on the Israeli northern border. When Israel withdraws, there will be no guarantee the Lebanese won't go back to killing on another. As one U.N. official said, 'How could there be such a guarantee. It's Lebanon.' Stan Bernard, NBC News, southern Lebanon.